



Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health
Salt River Pima- Maricopa Indian Community

Meeting Minutes May 29th Council Meeting

Regional Council members in attendance

Alecia Jackson
Chris McIntier
Dr. Joyce Helmuth
Lori Calderon Chair
Martina Ashley
Priscilla Jay Vice Chair
Rene Murphy
Ron Ransom (Joined meeting @ 5:45)

First Things First Staff

Yolanda Y. Adams Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Regional Coordinator
Ana Garcia Region C Administrative Assistant
Cathy Thornton Regional Coordinator GRIC

Consultant

Aleena M. Hernandez

Public

2 members of the public were present

Call to order

Meeting called to order by Chair Lori Calderon at 5:34 PM.

Brief welcome to everyone

Invocation by Vice Chair Priscilla Jay

No Public Comment.

Approval of Minutes

Regional Council member Helmuth requested the minutes to reflect the correction under Motion Rescinded Motioned by Regional Council member Helmuth not Regional Council member Ashley.

Regional Council member Jackson motioned to accept the minutes with the corrections. Seconded by Regional Council member Helmuth. Motion carried. No objections.

Update by First things First Regional Coordinator Yolanda Adams

- Brief description of potential candidates for the Council's vacancies.
- Regional Coordinator requested that items sent to Council, be returned in a timely manner in order to have all the proper documentation for subsequent meetings.

Regional Council member Ransom joined meeting @ 5:45

Regional Council member Helmuth inquired whether the candidate application had been fixed on line. Regional Council member McIntier stated that she also had problems with the application on line.

Regional Coordinator Yolanda Adams reported that meeting with Tribal Council was very successful. Tribal Council was receptive and interested.

Regional Council member Ransom inquired whether there is anything on the Internet regarding data information. Regional Council member McIntier stated that there is a document regarding policy on gathering data information. She will be forwarding to coordinator so that the process can start.

Governance Policy

Comments and Changes

- Public comment to be reduced from 5 minutes to 3 minutes.
- Pg 1 – 109 Clarification between Tribal Council meetings and District meetings. (Vice Chair Jay and Chair Calderon).
- What type of information will be posted; what is the purpose of the posting and where will it be posted (Regional Council member Ransom).
- Under paragraph 2 items that will be shared to be bulleted (Regional Council member Murphy).

A recommendation was made by Regional Coordinator Adams that additional work is done on this policy and brought back next meeting for approval with changes and recommendations for additions from the Regional Council.

Regional Council member Jackson motioned to table item 6 on the agenda for further study. No second.

Regional Council Chair Calderon suggested that the discussion on the Governance Policy continue to allow the Regional Council to review all the changes that had been made to the document. Chair Calderon asked Regional Coordinator Adams to review all the suggested changes.

Regional Coordinator Adams also clarified "conflict of interest" issue for the Regional Council.

Chair Calderon asked for a motion to table item 6 on the agenda.

Regional Council member Jackson motioned to table item 6: Possible Approval of Governance Policy at next meeting. Seconded by Regional Council member McIntier. Motion carried. No objections.

Update on meeting with Tribal Council

Regional Council Chair Calderon provided a description of the Tribal Council being receptive to FTF since the community decided to become their own Region.

Regional Coordinator Adams further elaborated on her report to the Tribal Council. She stated that she requested permission and approval from Tribal Council to gather data from the Community to meet the

dead lines for the Needs and Assets Report. Regional Coordinator Adams also will establish protocols regarding collecting data from the community.

Tribal Councilwoman Miller requested that the Regional Partnership Council (RPC) attend her District Meeting so that they could inform the community about SRP-MIC RPC and its goals for the community.

Vice Chair Jay also gave report on the Tribal Council meeting and felt that SRP-MIC Regional Partnership Council was well accepted. She stated that she felt that more information on FTF's history should have been provided. She said that she was not sure however, she believes that some of the Tribal Regional Council members may not have heard the original presentation that was given by Nadine Basha.

Regional Council member Helmuth also commented that FTF got more time allotted to them than what is usually given to any one item on the Tribal Council agenda.

Regional Council member Ransom expressed concern regarding the time lines for Tribal council's approval on questions in the surveys. He expressed an interest in forming a working group to deal with this data collection issue.

Discussion Possible Approval of Needs and Assets data collection Framework

Consultant Hernandez clarified that she will be presenting a very concise document for approval. Consultant Hernandez gave a quick review of last meeting;

- Coordination of Services
- Community input
 - Community Assessment Conducted by Head Start
- Approval of the approach
- Present document to Brian Meyers

Regarding the template, Tribal Housing might have additional data therefore should be added to section II. Regional Child and Family Indicators, B. Regional Population under iii Optional data requested by Council, e.g. identification of sub-regions with notable growth.

Suggestion by Regional Council member Jackson that key informants in the community might have a lot of the data that FTF needs.

Vice Chair Jay added that former Tribal Regional Council members would be good source of information to obtain some of the data.

Consultant Hernandez stated that when Council receives the report they will have a broad and informed idea of what is needed across the board.

Regional Council member Murphy stated that gathering information through key informants will be of high importance in the process of collecting data.

Vice Chair Jay advised that everyone should attend the First District meeting so that there can better understanding of how the community works and operates.

Also, she suggested that Regional Council members attend District Meetings. Planning, Scheduling and Coordination of who will be attending the District meetings should be done. Attending the District meetings will be essential in getting information.

Consultant Hernandez asked that Council accept and adopt the needs and assets approach and everything that has been incorporated, added and corrected is the template.

- Regional Council member McIntier asked that Tribal Enrollment data be added to the template, under Regional Population
- Speech & Language Therapists be added to the template under D. Health III and F. Professional Development III.
- Suggestion by Vice Chair Jay to look in the Tribal Library for all past research done regarding early childhood diabetes, childhood illnesses etc. Provided that Tribal Council is in agreement. Including Key informant interviews to be coordinated with the Chair Calderon, Vice Chair Jay and Regional Coordinator Adams.

Regional Council member Helmuth motioned that Council accept and adopt the template with all changes, corrections and additions. Seconded by Regional Council member Murphy. Motion carried no objections.

Consultant Hernandez left meeting 6:52 PM.

Preparation for next meeting

Suggestion by Regional Council member Jackson that every agenda include an item for community programs that services Children 0-5. This opportunity will allow a representative of such organizations to come to Regional Council meeting and provide a 10 minute discussion and or presentation of their programs.

Regional Council member Ashley motioned that the date for next meeting be scheduled for June 19th @ 5:30 PM with the location Early Childhood Education Center cafeteria. Seconded by Vice Chair Jay. Motion obtained 7 affirmative with Regional Council member McIntier abstaining. Motion carried.

Action items:

- Invite guest for June 19th meeting
- Create list of groups wanted as guests for the Regional Council meetings
- Suggestions of possible groups to be sent to Regional Coordinator Adams the Chair or Vice Chair.
- Report to be given to the Regional Council regarding the list of potential groups.
- Announcements to be posted on the Intranet net. Ms. Janet Johnson is the Director of Community Relations
- Chair Calderon to review Governance Policy regarding changes, additions etc before next Council meeting and report to the Council.

Updates by Regional Council

Regional Council member Helmuth will be attending a conference in June she will take this opportunity to promote and educate people regarding FTF's Goals.

Regional Council member Jackson informed the Council of a Training Calendar that Regional Council member Murphy is presenting. It will be available at the ECEC website.

Regional Council member Ransom announced that he has applied for a Grant to assist Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Early Childhood Education/Head Start Program. Funding would be for program staff who will be obtaining either their Child Development Associates of Arts or Bachelor degree.

Adjourn

Regional Council member Helmuth motioned to adjourn. Regional Council member Murphy seconded the motion; motion carried no objections. Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

SUBMITTED BY:

Ana Garcia AA III

Approved:

Lori Calderon, Regional Council Chair